

STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

On November 13, 2006, a telephonic interview was conducted in connection with the above-referenced case. The participants were Examiner James A. Thompson, and Applicants' representatives Greg T. Sueoka and Brenda M. Simon. No exhibits were shown, and no demonstrations were conducted, in the course of the interview.

The participants discussed the rejection of Claims 1 and 57 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Sugiyama in view of Ishikawa. The Examiner and the undersigned attorney also discussed proposed amendments to clarify the claim language. Applicants have amended claims 1, 57 and 58.